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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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**Re: The University of Montana (FRN 0001-6245-27)
Station KUFM-DT, Missoula MT Facility ID #66611
Request for Waiver of the Replication/Maximization
Interference Protection Deadline**

Dear Ms. Dortch

For good cause shown, in accordance with the procedures set forth in *Public Notice, DA 06-1255 (DTV Channel Election Issues)*, released June 14, 2006, this letter respectfully requests, on behalf of our client, the University of Montana ("UM"), permittee of Station KUFM-DT, Missoula, Montana, a six-month waiver of the July 1, 2006 replication/maximization interference protection deadline established by the Commission in Paragraph 78 of the *Second DTV Periodic Review Report and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 18279 (2004).

The grounds for this waiver request are compliance delay circumstances in connection with the above-referenced *Public Notice* that are clearly beyond UM's control. Specifically, within only a few days after the *Public Notice* was released, UM filed the requisite FCC Form 340 application to transform its Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") for KUFM-DT into a modified DTV construction permit (File No. BMPEDT-20060620AAW), which was accepted for filing on June 23, 2006. Once this application is granted, UM will be able to file the Form 302-DTV license application that the *Public Notice* envisions. In the meantime, out of abundance of caution, PTCB has also filed an STA extension application for KUFM-DT (File No. BEDSTA-20060627ADX). KUFM-DT's STA operation fully meets UM's Paragraph 78 requirement of 80% replication of audience served by the

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station's 1997 analog facilities. Thus, the only reason for this waiver request is to signify the fact that KUFM-DT is already in Paragraph 78 operational compliance and will be in compliance with the application

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requirements of the *Public Notice* as soon as its pending Form 340 application is granted and Form 302-DTV application can be filed.

Accordingly, UM respectfully requests the Commission's understanding and indulgence and a six-month waiver of the July 1 *Public Notice* compliance date for KUFM-DT. UM fully expects to file its license application well before the proposed January 1, 2007 extended deadline.

Please direct any communications or correspondence concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely

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